

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 427

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Richard Albert  
Deason of Lake County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the sudden death of Richard Deason on January 2, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Richard Deason was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was completely dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a caring and loving man who devoted the majority of his life to helping others in critical situations; and

WHEREAS, born on September 10, 1949 to the late Leona Kendzoria Deason and Bill Deason, Richard Deason was educated in the Lake County Schools and attended college; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deason was the highly regarded EMT/Paramedic and Director of the Lake County EMS; and

WHEREAS, despite the intense demands placed upon him, Richard Deason was always willing to help anyone in need, no matter what time of day; and

WHEREAS, Richard Deason was an active and devout member of the New Covenant Church in Hornbeak, of which he was a member for several years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deason also served as the children's pastor at his church, a post that he particularly enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Richard Deason leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Deason enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Valma Jean Turner Deason; he was the loving brother of Jackie Deason, James Deason, Billy Deason, Donnie Deason and Mary Deason Sanderson; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Richard Albert Deason, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Deason.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.